

**State Youth Council on Workforce Services  
Sharwan Smith Center/Southern Utah University  
October 10, 2002**

**Attendees:** James Earl, Lynnette Robinson, Jamie Wright, Akilah Messado, Paul Otto, Kay Thibodeaux, James Anderson, Wayne Griffin, Wayne Shamo, Richard Nelson, Brad Neubold, Rickie Bryan, Lee McNeil, Rod Crockett, Jim Hooker, Becky Tierney-Hunt, Greg Miller, John Fullmer, Natalie Alyandre, Sheri Barker, Sandra Adams, Mary Shumway, Jan Zogmaister

**Staff:** Jane Broadhead, Diane Lovell, Ann Barnson, Becky Guthrie, Melisa Stark, Shelly Ivie, Toni Ansel, Clay Hiatt, Pattie Hansen, Kathy Leiker, Susan Hill

Jan Zogmaister welcomed the group and explained about the exploring self-interest sheet. She said that the sheet was to find out why each council member is here and how to keep you involved in the Council. She gave an example of the first question, explaining how she was involved with DWS and the Youth Council. Jan then asked for the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Lynette Robinson motioned for approval of the minutes, Rickie Bryan seconded the motion and the group approved the minutes.

Jan Zogmaister then asked for a report from each of the sub-committees:

**Communication and Awareness/Paul Otto:** The sub-committee said that the stakeholders don't feel there is a partnership; and want to expand the newsletter to increase each other's awareness. They also want to put out a quarterly email with who the contacts are in the region and the organizations that can help with issues and problems. Paul said that they asked for stakeholder input and regional input with a theme. Jane Broadhead suggested putting it on the Youth Council web page. Jan Zogmaister also said that information should be distributed on how to access the web page.

**Council Functions/Jan Zogmaister:** The sub-committee has compiled information to determine what is useful to new youth council members at the state and possibly the regional level; this is a tool to help new members for a quick start up. The group will put together the second

draft for the next committee meeting. Also discussed by the group were the goals going forward.

**Oversight & Coordination/Rickie Bryant:** The group discussed what the committee would do and provided information on the funding resources and how the funds are being spent, the monitoring of youth statistics, best practices & performance measures. Jan Zogmaister mentioned that there should be coordination with the Communication and Awareness sub-committee.

Jaime Wright motioned to approve the committee reports, Wayne Griffin seconded the motion and the group approved the committee reports.

### **Youth Council Meeting in Colorado**

Jan Zogmaister gave a report of the meeting with Youth Council members from Colorado and Wyoming; that she and Jane Broadhead, Department of Workforce Services, attended. She said that they were very impressed with the youth that they met at the meeting. She mentioned that Job Corp had done a good job with these kids. She also mentioned that they sat in on a Youth Council meeting and shared best practices with members from Colorado and Wyoming. She said that this was very helpful to see how other states are working.

### **Update from the United States Department of Labor**

Lee McNiel, from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), gave a report from the National level. She said that they are still working on WIA Reauthorization, and mentioned that DOL had a meeting with staff from across the country and all levels. She said that performance was a big topic of discussion. She also said that block grants and formulas were discussed as part of the reauthorization. She also stressed the need for accurate data and there could be stricter performance measures. Lee also mentioned that they are moving towards common measures, because everyone has their own measurements. She said that there are ways of consolidating the seven measures (basic skills attainment, certificate, placement and efficiency, eligibility, performance and competitive contract process) into four measures. She mentioned that they are also looking at WIA and Perkins, and how they might be able to intersect the employment and training sides. She said that Education and Labor are working better together, sharing information and possibly having another meeting. Lee said that possibly by January there might be some more concrete direction. Jane Broadhead asked if they were still taking comments. Lee McNiel said to forward them to her and she will forward them on, her email address is: [lmcneil@doleta.gov](mailto:lmcneil@doleta.gov) Paul Otto asked how Utah is doing with accountability and how we are doing compared to other states. Lee McNiel said that we are making all of the standards and that Utah is doing well. Jane Broadhead also

mentioned that Sarah Brenna, DWS, could get information on any of Utah's congressional members who are a part of WIA reauthorization. Diane Lovell asked what efficiency is as a measurement. Lee McNiel said that it is receiving a certificate in a specific industry and return on investment and this includes both youth and adult.

#### Contract Extensions

Jan Zogmaister asked for approval of the contract extensions for each region as follows, she also mentioned that these contracts had been approved in each region:

Central – Salt Lake County YES Program

Eastern – Pinnacle Canyon Academy

Mountainland – Mountainland Consortium of School Districts

North – Bear River Association of Governments and Futures through Training

Western – Winfield Kids

John Fullmer moved to approve the contract extensions; Lynette Robinson seconded the motion, and the group approved.

#### **Handouts & Action Items**

Jane Broadhead went over the finance and performance data, mentioning that there is no finance data for the Central region and there will be more information at the January meeting. She also said that we are very early in the program year. Jane went over the WIA & Youth performance data, stating that the younger youth diploma attainment is higher than the standard for the first time. She also said that the number of participants has been included in this data but was not included in the data from the July meeting.

#### **Going Home Grant**

Tom Darias discussed the going home grant for serious and violent offenders. He said that the grant is split between adults and youth offenders and will help create an after treatment program in Utah County. Tom mentioned that they want to increase the number of parolees that obtain and hold jobs. He also said that they would need to hire a coordinator and four counselors to work with this grant. Tom said that this helps to revisit the collaborative effort with the Department of Corrections, Youth Corrections and DWS. It was asked if this was one time funding. Tom Darias said that yes it is one time money with the funding going for three years and would serve everyone in the southern part of the state. He said that Ogden provides the services for the northern part of the state. Tom also mentioned that the program starts

working with youth about a year prior to release, with the more work being done after release.

Jan Zogmaister mentioned that there is full conference call on October 30, 2002 at 3:00 pm. She then asked for any public comment and there was none. She then motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.